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You will doubtless agree that our list is comprehensive. It includes every conceivable colour and embraces all the principal types. Hitherto the Cactus varieties have held almost undisputed sway, but recently the Decorative types have come rapidly to the front and some of the newer varieties of these give wonderful blooms which must be seen to be fully appreciated. Collarette varieties and Singles and the New Star Dahlias are also becoming immensely popular. For cut flower these surpass all others because of their lighter effect and superior lasting qualities. All varieties are very easily cultivated and should be included in every garden. They like a rich loamy soil and plenty of water during the growing season.

At the time of printing this catalogue we have a splendid stock of well-grown tubers ready of all varieties excepting those which have been "starred" in the list. These tubers can be delivered at once. Some of them may have started growth, but can be delivered quite successfully by post in that condition because we give particular care to the packing. The 'starred' varieties will be ready about November and will be sent out at that time in the form of well-rooted young plants. These young plants, if well tended, will be in flower early in the new year and produce the very finest blooms, while the tubers you produce from them will give excellent results again the following season. The best results are not obtained from the large, old tubers which have been growing on from year to year.

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NOTE.—Varieties marked with a star will be ready about November. Other varieties are ready now.

Price.—All varieties are priced this season at 1/6 each, 7/6 per half dozen and 12/6 per dozen.

Packing and Postage.—2/- per dozen, 1/6 per $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen, 1/- per $\frac{1}{4}$ dozen, 9d. for less than $\frac{1}{4}$ dozen. This includes packing and postage within the Union of South Africa only.

- * **Aladdin** *Decorative*
Amber, lightly suffused scarlet, large flower with broad florets and long stems.
- Alice Roosevelt** *Decorative*
White and mauve.
- * **Arethusa, 1920** *Decorative*
Sulphur, paler towards tips, large and full with long tapering reflexed florets and strong erect stems. $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft.
- Arthur Pickard** *Cactus*
Pinkish salmon, lighter tips.
- * **Ballon** *Decorative*
Apricot with gold shading, very pretty and free-flowing. 4 ft.
- Berwick** *Cactus*
Dark maroon, a very fine bloom with long stems, one of the very best of the Cactus varieties.
- Bullfinch, 1919** *Collarette*
Brilliant crimson-scarlet, yellow collar and distinct yellow disc. Long stout stems. 3 ft.

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- Canary** *Decorative*
Pure yellow, very free-flowering and showy.
- Centurion** *Cactus*
Crimson-scarlet, narrow and incurving florets.
- * **Clarice, 1919** *Collarette*
Silvery pink toning to white tips, abundant white collar, light erect habit, very free. 3 ft.
- * **Conquest** *Cactus*
Deep crimson-maroon.
- * **Coral Star, 1920** *New Star*
Coral red, a lovely shade, good habit, stiff wiry stems, splendid for cut flower. $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft.
- * **Councillor, 1920** *Cactus*
Yellow at base, deepens to cerise and lighter at tips, very pretty and distinct. Large flowers on wiry stems. 4 ft.
- Countess of Lonsdale** *Decorative*
Tawny red, a very pretty shade and one of the best for cut flowers which are abundantly produced and last well in water. This variety should be in every garden collection.
- * **Daffodil, 1920** *Collarette*
Beautiful deep yellow, lighter collar, long stems. $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft.
- Daisy Easton** *Cactus*
Soft yellow, very good.
- David, 1920** *Decorative*
Mauve, long stems, erect habit. 4 ft.

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| Delice | Rose pink. One of the most useful in this class. | <i>Decorative</i> |
| * Eclipse, 1919 | Reddish crimson, edged yellow, short yellow collar, light erect habit. 3 ft. | <i>Collarette</i> |
| Ethel | Soft pink. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| Fulgent | Bright velvety red. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| Gallia | Pink, edged cream and cream collar. | <i>Collarette</i> |
| General Buller | Rich velvety maroon, tipped white. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| * Gorgeous, 1919 | Scarlet crimson, broad florets, stout rigid stems, splendid. 4 ft. | <i>Paeony-Flowered</i> |
| Grand Monitor | Deep red. | <i>Decorative</i> |
| * Hildegarde, 1920 | Pale pink with white centre, splendid for vase decorations. 4 ft. | <i>New Star</i> |
| H. L. Brousson | Rich rose. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| * Holman Hunt | Dark crimson. | <i>Paeony-Flowered</i> |
| Holyrood | Rich ruby, tipped gold, collar yellow. | <i>Collarette</i> |

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* Iliad, 1920

Paeony-Flowered

Creamy buff, lightly suffused salmon, broad florets, long rigid stems. A grand new variety. It has been classed as "Paeony," but we would prefer to describe it as "Decorative."

Imperialis

Tree Dahlia

The last Dahlia to flower and quite distinct from all others. Its rosy white, pendant, bell-shaped flowers are freely produced and carried on stems 8 to 10 feet or more in height—a fine sight when in full bloom.

* Jess, 1920

Paeony-Flowered

Orange-scarlet, very pretty. 3 ft.

Johannesburg

Cactus

Very large and full, bright gold, long strong stems. 3 ft.

* John Green

Paeony-Flowered

Yellow, shading to fiery scarlet, very showy. 5 ft.

John Riding

Cactus

Deep crimson, incurved, very fine.

Jupiter

Cactus

Crimson, cream and yellow.

* Kiddie, 1920

Paeony-Flowered

Very deep crimson, edged scarlet, splendid for cut flower. 3 ft.

La France

Decorative

Deep rose pink, very full, one of the best.

Libelle

Cactus

Dark purple, broad petalled, free flowering and distinct.

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| Loveliness | Bright pink, free-flowering. | <i>Decorative</i> |
| * Madonna | Large and free flowering, white. 4½ ft. | <i>Decorative</i> |
| Maid of Kent | Variable, white and red, sometimes just a lovely rich red, very free flowering, one of the old "show" type. | <i>Decorative</i> |
| * Marion Walton, 1919 | Sweetly pretty. Pink, rather small flowers, produced freely on perfectly upright stems. 5 ft. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| Martha | Flowers small, bright orange-red. | <i>Miniature Cactus</i> |
| * Meridian, 1919 | Clear light yellow, large and deep, stiff stems and erect. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| Milton Howard | Bright pink, tipped white. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| Mont Blanc | White. | <i>Decorative</i> |
| * Mrs. A. Harvey, 1920 | Large full flower with incurved florets, gracefully arranged, light salmon-pink with darker shade at base, strong wiry stems. 4 ft. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| Mrs. C. Wyatt | Large white, splendid. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| * Mrs. Drury | Delicate purplish crimson, slightly incurving, free flowering, good stems. 4 ft. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| Mrs. F. Grinstead | Rich crimson. | <i>Cactus</i> |

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- Mrs. Jowett** *Cactus*
Pink.
- * **Nanette, 1920** *New Star*
White, edged pale lemon, free flowering. 3 ft.
- Nantwich** *Cactus*
Light bronzy orange.
- Nellie Hemsley** *Cactus*
Reddish cactus.
- * **Old Gold** *Paeony-Flowered*
Deep golden amber, large and free flowering with good stems
- * **Olivia, 1919** *Paeony-Flowered*
Rich deep pink, semi-double, long wiry stems, fine for vase decorations.
- Olympic** *Cactus*
Deep crimson self.
- Orange King** *Decorative*
Brilliant orange, very showy and has long stems.
- Peace** *Decorative*
Bright scarlet, good flower but lacks length of stem.
- Perle De La Tete D'Or** *Decorative*
White, splendid for cut flower.
- Phidias** *Paeony-Flowered*
Yellow, suffused pink, large and very showy.
- Pierrot** *Cactus*
Amber, white tipped, very fine, large.
- * **President Wilson, 1920** *Decorative*
Brilliant vermilion-scarlet, free flowering, very reliable. 4 ft.

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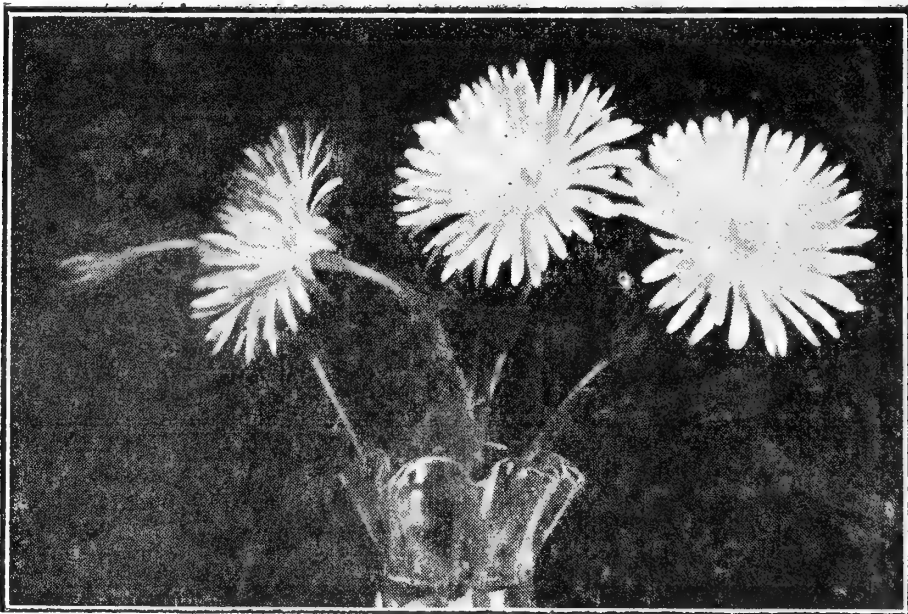
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| Pride of Essex | Bronzy red, broad petals. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| Princess Juliana | Creamy white. | <i>Decorative</i> |
| Red Admiral | Rich fiery scarlet. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| * Red Ensign | Orange red, free flowerer, strong erect stems. 3 ft. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| Rev. A. Bridges | Amber-bronze. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| * Rhoda, 1920 | Shrimp pink, shaded rose, small double flowers on erect long wiry stems, bushy habit. 3½ ft. | <i>Decorative</i> |
| * Richard Box | Light clear yellow. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| * Rising Star, 1919 | Brilliant scarlet, tipped yellow, free flowering and distinct. | <i>New Star</i> |
| * Sensation | Vermilion, tipped white, very striking. | <i>Single</i> |
| * Snowdon | Pure white, large, with narrow petals and long wiry stems. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| * Snowstorm | Pure white. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| Souvenir De Chalone | Yellow and scarlet. | <i>Single</i> |

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| * | Sportsman Fine scarlet, good habit. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| * | Stalwart, 1920 Purplish crimson with purple reverse, fairly large and lasts well, upright growth, sturdy habit. 5 ft. | <i>Decorative</i> |
| | Starlight Pale yellow. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| | Swallow White. | <i>Collarette</i> |
| | Sylvia Pretty rose pink, very free. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| | Thomas Wilson Pale salmon pink. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| | Unique Dark red. | <i>Paeony-Flowered</i> |
| | Valparaiso Coral pink. | <i>Cactus</i> |
| | White Aster Pure white, fimbriated, free flowering. 4 ft. | <i>Pompon</i> |
| * | White Star A pure white with orangy centre. Perfect habit and good stems, fine for vase decorations. 4 ft. | <i>New Star</i> |
| | White Swan Pure white. | <i>Decorative</i> |
| * | Yellow Colosse Bright yellow, compact habit. 3 ft. | <i>Decorative</i> |
| * | Yellow Star Primrose yellow, a very pretty shade. Stiff wiry stems, splendid for vase decorations. | <i>New Star</i> |

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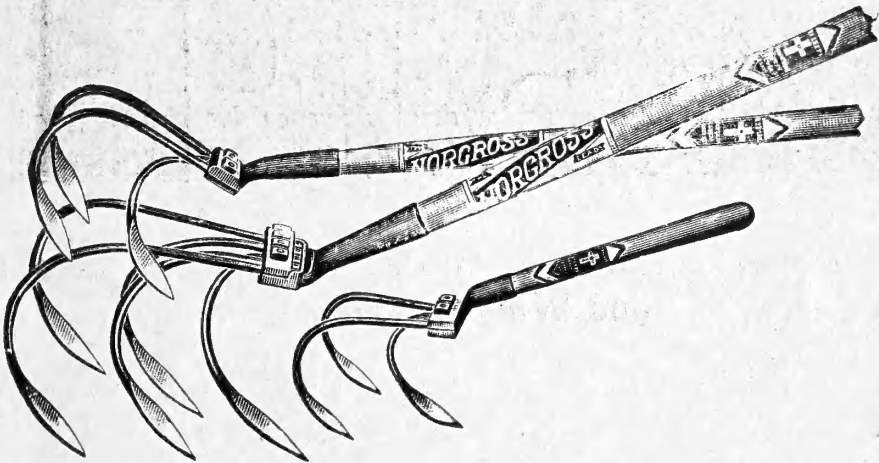
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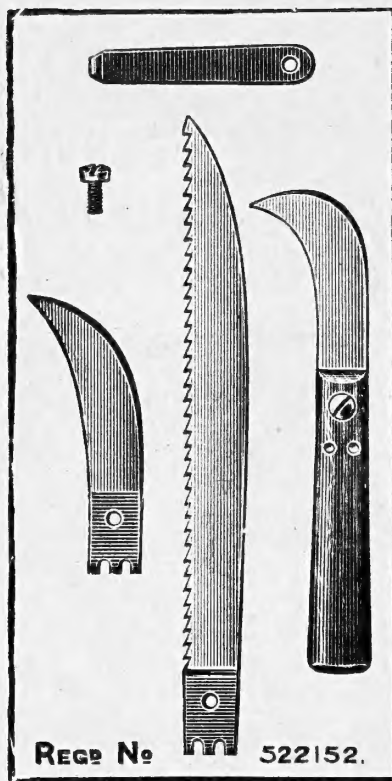
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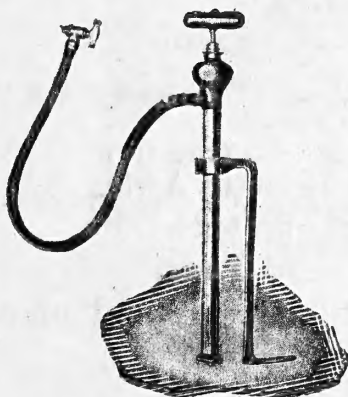
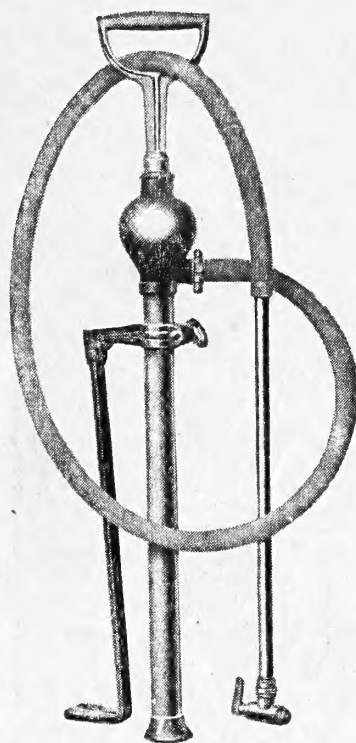
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